

**Claim Amendments:**

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (New) A patch panel comprising:

a frame having a top flange and a bottom flange, the frame including a plurality of faceplate openings;

a faceplate mountable to the frame within the top flange and the bottom flange, the faceplate having a plurality of mounting openings and each mounting opening having at least one modular jack retention latch; and

at least one modular jack mountable into a rear side of the faceplate.

18. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein the frame receives six faceplates.

19. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein the top flange of the frame has a plurality of first apertures and the bottom flange of the frame has a plurality of second apertures.

20. (New) The patch panel of claim 19, wherein at least one of the first apertures receives at least one first faceplate retention latch, and at least one of the second apertures receives at least one second faceplate retention latch.

21. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein the frame has a center bar extending horizontally from a first end thereof to a second end thereof.

22. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein the frame includes indicia centered above each modular jack position.

23. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein the frame has a plurality of first mounting apertures at a first end thereof and a plurality of second mounting apertures at a second end thereof.

24. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein the faceplate is releasably mounted to the frame.

25. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein the faceplate is mounted into a rear side of the frame.

26. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein the faceplate has a top flange including at least one first faceplate retention latch and a bottom flange including at least one second faceplate retention latch.

27. (New) The patch panel of claim 26, wherein the top flange of the faceplate has at least one release arm.

28. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein the faceplate has four mounting openings.

29. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein each mounting opening includes two modular jacks.

30. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein each mounting opening includes two modular jack retention latches.

31. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein each mounting opening includes a plurality of modular jack stops that define a lateral position of the modular jack.

32. (New) The patch panel of claim 31, wherein the plurality of modular jack stops are disposed along a bottom flange of the faceplate.

33. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein the faceplate has eight modular jack mounting positions.

34. (New) The patch panel of claim 33, wherein each modular jack mounting position includes a plurality of modular jack stops.

35. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein each modular jack is releasably mounted to the faceplate.

36. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein each modular jack is mounted to the faceplate in the same orientation.

37. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein each modular jack is slidingly installed along a linear path into a mounted position in the faceplate.

38. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, wherein at least two modular jacks are vertically aligned within the patch panel.

39. (New) The patch panel of claim 17, further comprising forty-eight modular jacks within one rack unit.

40. (New) A patch panel comprising:  
a frame having a plurality of faceplate openings;  
a faceplate mountable into a rear side of the frame, the faceplate having a plurality of mounting openings and each mounting opening having at least one modular jack retention latch; and

at least one modular jack mountable into a rear side of the faceplate.

41. (New) A faceplate assembly comprising:  
a faceplate having a plurality of mounting openings, each mounting opening having at least one modular jack retention latch; and

at least one modular jack slidably installable along a linear path into a mounted position in the faceplate,

wherein each mounting opening further includes guides that define a lateral position of an installed modular jack.

42. (New) A patch panel comprising:

a frame having two panel sections angled outwardly in an inverted V-shape;

a faceplate mountable to the frame; and

at least one modular jack mountable to the faceplate.

43. (New) A patch panel comprising:

a frame having two panel sections angled outwardly in an inverted V-shape;

a faceplate mountable to the frame; and

at least one modular jack slidably installable along a linear path into a mounted position in the faceplate.

44. (New) A method of assembling a patch panel comprising the steps of:

providing a frame having a top flange and a bottom flange, the frame including a plurality of faceplate openings;

mounting a faceplate having a plurality of mounting openings within the top flange and the bottom flange, each mounting opening having at least one modular jack retention latch; and

mounting at least one modular jack into a rear side of the faceplate.

45. (New) A method of assembling a patch panel comprising the steps of:  
providing a frame having a plurality of faceplate openings;  
mounting a faceplate having a plurality of mounting openings into a rear side of the frame, each mounting opening having at least one modular jack retention latch; and  
mounting at least one modular jack into a rear side of the faceplate.

46. (New) The method of claim 45, wherein the modular jack is slidingly installed along a linear path into a mounted position in the faceplate.

47. (New) The method of claim 45, further comprising the step of mounting the patch panel to a network rack.

**Drawing Amendments:**

As shown in the attached drawing sheets 3-7 labeled as "Replacement Sheets", Applicants have amended FIGS. 5, 7 and 12-16 to include reference numerals 47 and 49.